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FOLLOWING REPEAT TAIPEI 1777 ACTION SECSTATE INFO

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF GAO TEAM TO TAIWAN

1. AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED APRIL 1 FROM C. ROMAN, DIRECTOR, U.S. GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE, INTERNATIONAL DIVISION, HONOLULU, STATING THAT IT PLANS "TO CONDUCT A SURVEY OF U.S. INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES IN TAIWAN FOR ABOUT 3 WEEKS BEGINNING ABOUT APRIL 13." THIS ASSIGNMENT TO BE CARRIED OUT BY GAO STAFFERS BERNSDORF AND LIDMAN WHO WOULD WISH TO MEET WITH U.S. BUSINESSMAN, HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AS WELL AS WITH USG OFFICIALS OF MISSION.

2. THIS NOTIFICATION COMES ON TOP OF RECENTLY RECEIVED ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THREE OTHER SCHEDULED GAO VISITS TO TAIWAN: (1) TO REVIEW STATE DEPARTMENT FOREIGN LANGUAGE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRAINING ACTIVITIES MAY 4 TO 23; (2) TO DISCUSS ROC

RECEPTIVITY TO GAO STUDY OF ROC INITIATIVES TAKEN TO
ENCOURAGE FOOD PRODUCTION, APRIL 17 (LENGTH OF VISIT
UNKNOWN; SEE STATE 73159); (3) TO REVIEW VISA
OPERATIONS, APRIL 19 (LENGTH OF VISIT UNKNOWN; SEE
STATE 73160).

3. IN VIEW DEATH PRESIDENT CHIANG WITH FUNERAL
TO TAKE PLACE APRIL 16, AND 30-DAY MOURNING PERIOD
IN EFFECT, IT WOULD BE MOST INCONVENIENT AND DIFFICULT
FOR GAO TO ATTEMPT MEANINGFUL SURVEY OF U.S. INTERESTS
AND ACTIVITIES HERE AS DESCRIBED GAO LETTER.

4. THEREFORE, EMBASSY URGENTLY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT TO
ASK GAO TO POSTPONE TEAM VISIT SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE
APRIL 13, UNTIL SOMETIME IN JUNE BY WHICH TIME GOVERNMENT
AND BUSINESS CAN BE EXPECTED TO HAVE RETURNED TO NORMAL
ROUTINE AND AMBASSADOR SHALL HAVE RETURNED FROM WASHINGTON
CONSULTATION.

5. EMBASSY BELIEVES OTHER THREE GAO VISITS POSE NO
PARTICULAR PROBLEMS, BUT WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING
ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THEM, PARTICULARLY THE LENGTH OF
TIME THE VISA REVIEW AND FOOD PRODUCTION MISSIONS EXPECT TO
SPEND HERE. UNGER UNQTE KISSINGER

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